

# The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

## Plan to Provide Preference in Civil Service for Veterans by Amendment Causes Breach in Legion

## Willard Straight Post Calls Proposal Dishonest Attempt to Obtain Something at Public Expense

The Tribune's monthly page of American Legion News, officially endorsed by the State Department, will be published next Sunday, October 9. Contributions should be addressed to the American Legion Editor.

An intra-Legion clash which promises to develop an interesting situation within the veterans' organization has arisen over the proposed constitutional amendment No. 1, providing preference in the civil service to ex-service men and women.

The breach has been brought about by the action of Willard Straight Post, through Commander Ernest Angell and Adjutant W. W. Norton, in branding the amendment "only a dishonest attempt to obtain something for nothing, to create, at the expense of the public, a permanent class of military officers."

This action of the post has been disapproved by the American Legion, which has a long record of support for the amendment. The American Legion in the New York Department, which declared itself unanimously at the state convention as favoring the amendment, and is in defiance of a resolution passed at the same convention forbidding posts to take individual action on such vital issues. In addition the post's statement says:

### Amendment Is Opposed

"Our post considers this proposed amendment as a wholly unjustifiable assault upon the established merit system of the civil service. Military service is no badge of special qualification for public service in civil life. This amendment would automatically make obligatory the appointment and promotion of any veterans passing examinations over any person, no matter how much better qualified such other person might be and often is."

"Service in the war is not to be rewarded by lowering the standards of our public service. If military training has developed the individual qualifications for other service to state and nation these new abilities will be recognized and rewarded under the existing system. Such an attempt, in our opinion, is un-American and should be vigorously opposed by all members of the Legion as absolutely contrary to the professed principles and ideals of the Legion."

At the time the Straight Post's action was published Commander William F. Deegan, of the state Legion, sent out his first official message to the organization since his election. It was devoted solely to a call to Legionnaires to support the amendment, and follows in part:

"Know that the boys have received neither a state nor a Federal bonus in as little as the people of this state can do to grant them the same preference in civil service which the veterans of the Civil War enjoyed. These civil service jobs, if given to veterans, will greatly alleviate the suffering of the higher type of service men which is now out of employment. A great many arguments are being discussed as to why this preference should not be given, and here are the answers to some of them:

### Arguments Are Answered

"The work of the Police and Fire departments of the state following the declaration of war was not as important as the work of the soldier, sailor or marine."

"Such riots as the police quelled were not comparable to the 'riots' raised by the Germans in the Argonne, Belleau Wood, Chateau Thierry, Cambria and Soissons. Looking at parades on Fifth Avenue was not half as difficult as looking out duty on transports and destroyers in the North Sea."

"Liberty loan and Red Cross drives did not require as much energy as the drive against the Hindenburg line."

"The gaps in the police ranks caused

by absence at the front in France of former members of the department were filled by volunteer reserve policemen and home guards throughout the state.

"The offices of Naval Intelligence, Military Intelligence, United States Secret Service, the Department of Justice and the American Protective League did more in a day looking after unregistered enemy aliens than the Police Department did in a month."

"The men in the Argonne and the men on the transports and destroyers never got a day off, and to have spent one day out of every ten with their families at home would indeed have been heaven on earth."

"Compare the number of men in battle in the A. E. F. and the percentage of killed and wounded to the number of men in the New York Fire Department and the percentage of killed and injured. Then you will get the answer as to whether or not there are any greater risks in war than those encountered by firemen."

"One New York regiment (the 69th) lost 852 killed and 2,600 wounded out of 3,000 men."

Legionnaires who discussed the question declared that the Straight Post's action was a dishonorable attempt to obtain something for nothing, to create, at the expense of the public, a permanent class of military officers."

"The good old army and navy days are gone. Not all the gallant deeds of this side of Paradise can ever win them back. You didn't think you missed them then, but how about it now? Don't you ever get a sneaky feeling that you'd like to see the old familiar faces and places again—the camp you trained in, the ship you crossed on, the French and German towns? Those days are gone, but there has been established an organization commonly known as '40-80' to perpetuate Americanism and your duty to God and country."

Every veteran of the war with Germany, whether army, navy or Marine Corps, should find great joy within the realms of *Veterans of the War*. The 40-80 is yours for the asking. It is a simple thing to do. Write to the American Legion, 125 West 40th Street, New York City, and you will receive it.

Legal Advice for Vets  
Any ex-service man or woman desiring legal assistance may have it by calling on Edward F. Bennett, assistant corporation counsel, in his offices, Room 1821, Municipal Building, 100 City Hall Place. Dependent relatives of veterans also may avail themselves of this aid.

Veterans to Support Veterans  
While the American Legion has pledged itself on record as absolutely opposed to political activity, candidates who are ex-service men or women will not be neglected by their comrades. It has been learned.

The War Veterans' Non-Partisan League is just what its name implies. Its members assert, it knows no affiliation with any party, but in any campaign where a veteran is opposed by a non-veteran the league promises to assist the veteran. "Veterans for Veterans" is the battle cry.

A distinguished audience will assemble to-night at the Town Hall to witness the American Legion's presentation of "The Man Without a Country," which is to be shown twice each day during the week. A part of the receipts will go toward the Legion's welfare work among unemployed ex-service men.

The committee has been asked to reserve several hundred seats for mem-

## Three Seeking Bronx Legion Chairmanship

Three candidates are seeking the office of chairman of the Bronx County organization of the American Legion. The place will be filled next Monday night at a meeting of the county committee.

They are Raphael Murphy, Colonel Frank Spencer and Timothy Driscoll. Murphy, who has been a leader in Legion affairs in the Bronx, is believed to be the favored candidate.

Driscoll, also active in Legion welfare and memorial work, has a large following. It is possible either may withdraw from the race to support the other. The successful candidate will succeed to an office now held by State Commander William F. Deegan.

Members of the League for Political Education. This request was made by George Ward Battle, who is chairman of the league's advisory committee, who, after seeing the picture at a private showing, declared that every American should see it.

"This motion picture has a silent sermon that will do more to make us think and act as 100 per cent Americans than the waving of a thousand flags," said Mr. Battle.

The picture has been adopted by the American Legion as part of its Americanization campaign. At each performance the preamble to the constitution of the Legion will be recited by Miss Elberta Wood, who sang overseas, as an entertainer. Arnold Daly, who plays the lead in "The Man Without a Country" cast, will be in the audience to-night.

### POST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Post has elected the following officers: Commander, James C. Murphy; vice-commander, Mead; William, John Nichols; Jr. and Fred Krohn; committee, Dr. R. H. Kennedy; secretary and treasurer, Alexander Lamoreaux; executive committee, C. B. Koch, Carl Reed, Jr., Griswold Lorrillard and Pierre Lorrillard.

Mothers, wives, daughters or sisters of veterans who have not yet joined a Legion auxiliary are invited to attend the meeting of the auxiliaries of the Arthur Avenue Post to-night at the Get-Together Club, 1203 Third Avenue, near 117th Street.

The 16th Infantry Post will select new officers at a meeting next Friday night in the Arthur, Bedford and Atlantic avenues, Brooklyn. Major James J. Cooke is the most prominent candidate for commander. State Commander Deegan will address the meeting.

Recalls Post will meet to-night, when the question of unemployed veterans will be discussed.

David W. Gentle Post meets for the first time this fall tomorrow night at 117th Street.

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114th Street. The auxiliary will meet at the same time and place.

Reinhold Wernhuth will sing for the members of Post Chester Post 32, Post Chester, N. Y., at their concert on Wednesday night.

Tomorrow night members of 35th Infantry Post will meet at the 77th Division Club, 27 West Twenty-Ninth Street.

Judson L. Weiland Post will conduct its annual memorial service next Sunday night, Oct. 9, at 8 o'clock, at the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis officiating.

## Ansell Prepared to Attack Johnson's Bergdoll Report

General Has Had 12 Lawyers Review Inquiry and All in Their Opinions Clear Him and His Associate

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Anticipating a renewal of the discussion in the House of the escape of Grover Bergdoll, twelve lawyers voluntarily have prepared and are sending to every member of Congress a judicial review of the testimony taken by the Peters investigating committee. It was announced today by General Ansell, of former counsel for the draft dodger. The questions and answers formulated by these lawyers, as a result of their review of the testimony, are:

"Were Ansell and Bailey justified in taking a retainer in the Bergdoll case? Yes."

"Was Ansell justified in making the application for permission for Bergdoll temporarily to leave the discipline of the barracks under military guard? Yes."

"Was either Ansell or Bailey a party to any conspiracy to accomplish the escape of Bergdoll? No."

The twelve lawyers are Edmund M. Morgan and Edward S. Thurston, of Yale University; Frederick W. Ashton, of Grand Island, Neb.; George S. Wallace, of Huntington, W. Va.; Roy D. Krohn and Frederick A. Brown, of Chicago; George E. Channell, of Portland, Ore.; Rome G. Brown, of Minneapolis; Stephen J. Cowley, of Great Falls, Mont.; John S. Dean, of Tampa, Fla.; and J. Miller Kenyon and Frank J. Hogan, of Washington.

They summarize their opinions in the following words:

"We are convinced that if those members of the committee who signed the Johnson report had fairly and dispassionately weighed the evidence and had judicially adhered to the facts, they could have come to but one conclusion: Neither Ansell nor Bailey was in any way responsible for the escape of Grover Bergdoll."

"Ben Johnson has used his office for partisan purposes to do injustice to innocent men, and I purpose to pursue him to the end of his political career," said General Ansell, predicting a bitter fight when the controversy comes up in the floor of the House.

## League Will Defer Article X Action To Next Session

Canadian Wins Fight Against Rejection of Amendment to Eliminate It: Assembly in Good Spirits Final Week

GENEVA, Oct. 2. (By The Associated Press.)—The Assembly of the League of Nations will begin the final week of its second session to-morrow in better spirits than have prevailed since the opening of the deliberations. Up to this time it has been weighed down by the depressing influence of the Bolivian-Chilean dispute, the Greco-Albanian trouble, the Albanian-Jugo-Slav question, and by disappointment, not conceded by most of the delegations, over the meager results of the league's efforts in the last Assembly.

It sufficed for the French and British to join their voices on the speaker's stand in favor of a conservative program of disarmament to revive the hopes of the Assembly for practical results in that direction. There has been much comment on the speeches of M. Nollet, of France, committing his country to a program including limitation of armament for the next two years to the figures of this year's budget and H. A. L. Fisher's address giving Great Britain's hearty support to the same program.

The agenda for the closing week comprises such questions as the league's budget and distribution of its expenses and amendments to the Covenant.

Charles F. Doherty, representing Canada, has won his fight against rejection of his amendment to the Covenant, designed to eliminate Article X. The final conclusion of the committee, which it is expected will be adopted by the Assembly, is that the amendment deserves careful study and should be held over until the next Assembly for further consideration.

### Wranget Troop Trains Said To Be En Route for Albania

LONDON, Oct. 2. A dispatch to "The Times" says that reports from Bari, Italy, are to the effect that several trainloads of troops of the former Russian anti-Bolshevik leader, General Wranget, have passed through Ragusa, Dalmatia, on their way to the Albanian frontier. The dispatch adds that several of the Wranget forces have been killed or injured in a railway accident near Ragusa.

## German Contents Treaty as Signed Is Only a Framework

Dr. Stresemann Sees Little Hope for Resumption of Peace Relations Until Terms Are Well Defined

BERLIN, Oct. 2. (By The Associated Press.)—The hope that the signing of the treaty would lead to the reestablishment of friendly relations between Germany and the United States, as expressed by Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Secretary, and Ellis Loring Dredel, the American Commissioner, and held in political and economic circles, may prove a mere form depending upon future negotiations, Gustav Stresemann, leader of the People's party, declares in a criticism in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung."

Dr. Stresemann argues that the document signed is only a framework on which the real treaty must be built, and that severe limitations imposed by the United States are sufficient to suppress undue jubilation. He contends the treaty only lessens the political and economic tension pending a formal and complete treaty and actual resumption of diplomatic relations.

Dr. Stresemann particularly objects to the American stipulation regarding German property held in America, presumably as a guaranty for claims which Americans may bring. He thinks this is a needless precaution, since Germany already is taxed for indemnities to the limit of, if not beyond, her ability to pay.

He sees in the reservations, however, condemnation of President Wilson's policies, and takes satisfaction that the Reichstag apparently did not share the view held in many quarters that the United States would insist upon Germany specifically acknowledging her war guilt.

The Majority Socialists having approached the Independent Socialists to ascertain the conditions under which the latter would be ready to enter the central government, the Independent Socialist party has set forth its requirements before making a definite reply.

The Independents desire to know

whether all the coalition parties are ready to form a government with them on the basis of a minimum program, comprising the following:

- 1—The establishment of budgetary equilibrium by the taxation of property.
- 2—Effective measures for the defence of the republic, suppression of monarchist reaction, especially by drastic reform of the judicial system, and the removal of openly monarchist officials.
- 3—Continuance of the social policy.

4—Socialization of mines.  
5—A foreign policy of conciliation, reconstruction and a sincere effort to fulfill the demands of the Allies.

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New York Rotarians and their guests, two hundred strong, surged over the decks of one of the swift Sandy Hook boats as early at 8:45 A. M., took a train from Atlantic Highlands to Pleasure Bay and there clam-baked and ran races until the sun went down.

No records were broken, for Rotarians excel in none of these things; but the puffing vim of the fat men—for some are inclined to be stout—almost backed up the Shrewsbury sufficiently to let the children of Long Branch go across.

If there is one thing that Rotarians do know how to do, it's to play, holler, laugh and make merry. And they do it all on soft stuff, which is rather remarkable and encouraging to the "prohibitors."

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